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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DDCI Briefing of the Intelligence Subcommittee of the Senate
Armed Services Committee, 10 April 1978

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1. ☐ On 10 April 1978, Frank C. Carlucci, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, and other Agency representatives, briefed the Intelligence Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee on foreign military presence in Africa. ☐

☐ A transcript was taken of the briefing which was at the Secret ☐ level.

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2. ☐ Present for all or part of the briefing were:

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Harry F. Byrd (I., Va.), Chairman

Sam Nunn (D., Ga.)

Jesse A. Helms (R., N. Car.)

3. ☐ Present from the Committee staff were:

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Francis J. Sullivan, Staff Director
John C. Roberts, General Counsel

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4. ☐ Present from the Agency, in addition to Mr. Carlucci, were:

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NFAC/Congressional Support Staff

NFAC/Office of Regional and
Political Analysis

NFAC/Office of Regional and
Political Analysis

NFAC/Office of Strategic Resources

NFAC/Office of Economic Research

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5. ☐ The Chairman began the open portion of the briefing by stressing the need for current intelligence from the Agency on such trouble spots as Africa. Mr. Carlucci then presented an unclassified summary of Soviet and Cuban military activity in Subsaharan Arica. It included the numbers of Cuban military in Ethiopia and Angola and amounts of Soviet supplies flowing into both countries. Following his statement, he answered several questions raised by the Chairman. The Chairman then moved the Subcommittee into executive session and the press and public left the room.

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6. ☐ The remainder of the briefing was a more detailed review of the foreign military presence in Africa. Senator Helms was present for a part of the briefing and asked whether there is any country or military force in Africa willing or capable of resisting Cuban and Soviet involvement.

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7. ☐ The Chairman concluded with questions on the possible existence of a Soviet submarine base in Africa, a five- to ten-year prognosis on Africa and a specific analysis of Chinese intentions in Africa. He expressed his appreciation for the intelligence update and indicated that he would be calling on the Agency for additional briefings from time to time. There were no follow-up items.

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